

Conferences, Farmers - 1915

NEGRO RURAL TEACHERS TO MEET FARMERS IN CONFERENCE AT LANE COLLEGE

One of the features of the work of the Lane College Negro Farmers Conference that promises to be full of interest this year is a conference of teachers and preachers. This conference will be held Thursday and Friday, February the 25th-26th. Such subjects as these will be discussed: "How can the teacher and preacher be mutually helpful in their work;" "What have I done during the past year to help the school and the church in my community?" Superintendent W. A. Malone and the County Board of Education have given a respite from their work to all teachers of the colored schools of the county so that they may attend this conference on Friday. These school officials know the importance of co-operation on the part of patrons and teachers, and all other agencies at work in a community, and are anxious to help in every way to make the schools more efficient in their work.

Potato growing was one of the subjects that was discussed last year at this conference. We clip the following from one of the leading agricultural journals as given by Mr. Isaac Fisher concerning this phase of the work.

How One Man Saves His Sweet Potatoes. A Colored Scientist Who Does Not Know He is One

Near Jackson, Tennessee, there lives a colored man, named William Cathey, who has mastered the art of saving his potatoes after growing them. Before the Farmers Conference at Lane College, he told his simple story and exhibited some of his potatoes, which looked as if they had just been taken from the ground, instead of out of storage room.

The man was so modest and holted so in his story that at first the audience did not really understand that they were listening to a man who had been growing potatoes for 24 years; who, until recently since he bought a new farm, would not even let a cotton stalk grow on his land; and who has not lost any of his potatoes.

Mr. T. M. Campbell, the Colored Farmers' Demonstration Agent in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture, and who was present at the meeting, not only questioned Mr. Cathey until he had him tell his whole story with emphasis, but went out to his farm, examined his potato houses and made another special report to the Conference the next day on what he had seen and on the other farm products that this farmer was preserving.

Interest in Mr. Cathey's story centered in the fact that thousands of dollars' worth of potatoes are lost by rotting every year. Summarized, his directions for saving potatoes were as follows:

1. Don't skin or bruise the potatoes you mean to keep. Handle them as carefully as you would eggs.
 2. Let the sun dry them before storing.
 3. Pack large ones carefully in a box.
 4. Leave all strings on the potatoes.
 5. Don't try to store the little ones—leave them for eating purposes.
 6. Store potatoes in a room.
 7. Ventilate potato house from the top.
 8. Don't let south wind strike the potatoes.
 9. Keep mice and rats out of house.
 10. If potatoes have bad odor after they have bad odor after they have been shut up in room a few days, tighten the room more instead of letting in more air.
- Mr. Cathey's potatoes are not covered, but are piled loose on the floor. The walls of the house are latticed, that is, lattice work is placed against the main walls so that air can circulate at the sides of the potatoes.

There are two doors to the potato house. The first or outer one admits to an inner room. This door is closed at once to keep out air. One finds himself against another wall in which another door is found. This door admits to the room where the potatoes are. Mr. Cathey says that if care is used to keep these doors closed, little air enters from the sides of the building.

He seems to have mastered the art of preserving vegetables, for he presented to the conference, a number of onions, turnips, white and sweet potatoes which were remarkably fresh and well preserved.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Cathey's method is almost similar to one described in the Fourteenth Biennial Report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture (p. 264), for storing sweet potatoes. Particularly the description of the potato house. And it is further of interest to see how science and practice—theory and art join hands in producing desired information.

EXHIBITS OF WORK

PV NEEDS FARMERS
Houston, Tex.

Interesting Programs at Congress
at Prairie View.

Many Illustrations of Practical Accomplishments in Farm Home and School Were Presented.

(Houston Post Special.)

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, July 29.—The Farmers Congress suspended its night session in order to be present at the musical recital by Miss Eddie L. Blackshear, graduate of Prairie View college, former head of department of music at this institution and now one of the teachers of music at Bishop college, Marshall, Texas. The congress was addressed at its Thursday morning session by Hon. Clarence Ousley, director of extension work in Texas. He said, among other things, that the success of the work among the colored people between now and next July would largely determine what would be done in future for extension work among negroes in this State. There was a large audience who listened to Mr. Ousley and his remarks were indeed encouraging and received hearty applause. Another interesting phase of the morning session was the talks and exhibits given by several of the leading colored farmers in attendance. A. B. Marshall of Brazoria county was introduced and said that he had also brought greetings from his county judge, Hon. A. R. Rucks, who was interested in the welfare of the negro farmers of the State and is anxious to colonize 100 more colored families in that county. Mr. Marshall exhibited quite a variety of peas, beans, peanuts, etc., which he had grown as well as samples of different species of corn. Among the different crops which he had grown during this year were Japanese cane, planted April 23; Chinese velvet bean, planted April 12; the Virginia bunch and small Spanish peanuts, planted April 12; Chinese red pea, planted May 1, matured and harvested with another crop under cultivation; Mexican June corn, planted May 18.

PLEASED WITH WORK AT PRAIRIE VIEW.

During the course of his talk Mr. Marshall said that the good white people of his community had assisted him on his expense to the Farmers Congress and that County Judge Rucks expressed himself as well pleased with the excellent work which the Prairie View school had done under the administration of its present principal. S. J. Haller, also of Brazoria county, was introduced and exhibited specimens of Missouri white pearl corn, planted May 21; Oklahoma White Wonder corn, planted May 26; Mexican June corn, planted June 1; Kentucky Wonder bean, planted May 26; Kentucky white burley tobacco, planted May 26. E. L. Jackson of Austin county also exhibited specimens of small gourd seed corn, planted April 23; yellow dent corn, planted April 26. All these exhibits were very fine and attracted the admiration of the whole congress.

Surry Smith Sr., vice president of the congress and who is an excellent farmer of Burleson county, told of how he managed to grow practically everything he needed. Prof. R. H. Hines of Waco, a graduate of the school and one of the leading colored teachers of the State, spoke to the congress. Jake Ford of Wharton an alumnus of the school, is a man who has made marked success along agricultural lines and especially in raising Sudan grass alfalfa. He is one of the leading blacksmiths of his county and his land holdings are considerable.

Among those who have come in recently are Josephine Davis, Letitia Preston, Adeline Nathaniel, Annie Williams, Amanda Hardly, Emma Taylor, E. Samples, Gergia Linton, Sallie Holland, Emma Taylor, Emma Hardaway, Narcissa Belton, Virginia Dupree, Bettie Turney, Bettie Smith, S. S. Kemp, Ella Clark, Lillian Mosely, Mellie Meardy, Arline Mosely, Susana Goodin, C. A. Fedford, H. Montgomery, Waller county; R. H. Hines, McClennan; E. Flewellen, Waller county; I. D. Dupree, Falls; R. L. Stinnett, Gravson; L. C. Kirvin, Freestone; J. H.

Williams, Waller; Lewis Rutledge, Waller; A. B. Blake, Brazos; J. R. Sadberry, Robertson; D. L. Smith, Waller; A. Crammer, Austin; Leonard Jordan, Waller; Sandy Kendall, Johnson; R. S. Sewell, Johnson; Will Thomas, Waller; W. I. Alton, Fort Bend.

PRAIRIE VIEW NORMAL NEAR CLOSE.

The Prairie View summer school, which is comprised of 470 attendants, a majority of whom are teachers already engaged in colored schools of the cities and counties of the State and who are here for further improvement as a means of fitting themselves for greater usefulness in the negro communities, is drawing to a close. Mrs. B. T. Foster of Limestone county is supervisor of the colored schools of the county under the Jeanes' fund, and devotes her time to the introduction and improvement of the industrial work in various colored schools of the county. Through her influence a considerable tract of land will be devoted next year to school gardening and farming in connection with one of their larger rural schools. Mrs. Foster is a graduate of Prairie View school and is a teacher of a number of years of successful experience. Mrs. Kay of Harrisburg, Harris county, is regarded as one of the best female teachers among the negroes of the State. Her successful work led the board of directors to make an addition costing \$5000 to her school at Harrisburg, which is fitted with modern improvement for teaching domestic science and manual training. M. A. Traylor of Kerens, Navarro county, has the best school garden of any of the colored teachers of the county and his more garden is enrolled in the Dallas school garden contest, and he is confident of taking one of the prizes. The inspectors of the contest have already visited his school several times and have spoken very favorably of it.

TEACHING CANNING IN NEGRO SCHOOLS.

J. C. Frasier of Farrsville, Newton county, ranks as one of the most progressive negro teachers of East Texas, and is in very high esteem by people of both races of that section. He has already introduced canning successfully into his school. Great interest has been manifested during the summer session in canning and quite a number have been studying canning in connection with the operation of school training plants where the canning of vegetables for use in the mess hall next session is still in progress. The school cannery is proving to be a benefit to the surrounding neighborhood as well as to the school, and both white and colored neighbors are bringing in vegetables to be canned in the Prairie View school cannery. Lula B. Young read before the summer session an interesting description of the work of the school of which she is principal; and she is probably the youngest teacher in a school, and she has successfully introduced industrial work into her school in Smith county, where her work has attracted favorable comment and mention from the county superintendent. A number of teachers have reported an increase in salary, due to their having successfully introduced industrial work in their schools. An unusually large number of men teachers have been taking instruction in the agricultural department as a means of running a school garden, which they have already introduced or plan to introduce into their school. The classes in sewing have been exceptionally well attended by the women teachers, while quite a number of them have also enrolled in the cooking classes. Mrs. M. E. Hunter, formerly of Alabama, but for a number of years a resident of Laporte, Texas, is one of the most earnest students of industrial work in the institution. This earnest woman, after the death of her husband, has proved to be a successful farm manager and has introduced industrial work also into schools which she has taught in the vicinity of

NEGROES THANKFUL FOR AID TO SCHOOL

Passed strong resolutions at
Prairie View Congress.

President's Annual Address Delivered
to Negro Farmers at Third
Day's Session of Annual
Meeting.

(Houston Post Special.)

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, July 30.—The third day's session of the Texas Colored State Farmers Congress opened Friday morning. At this meeting the president delivered his annual address to the farmers, in which he urged that they learn the improved methods of farming and that more attention be given to correct managing of their homes and rearing their children. He urged the young men to stand for strict morality and pleaded with the fathers for a strong development of character in their sons and daughters. Prof. C. H. Waller, head of agricultural department, gave a very instructive lecture on scientific farming. He named three ways of obtaining information on farming, namely, by observation, practical experiment and scientific investigation. He urged that the colored farmers should learn farming in a scientific way. R. L. Smith, president of the Farmers Improvement society of Texas, presented Mr. Johnson, a delegate from Huntsville, who exhibited a miniature bust of Professor Blackshear which he had carved. Mr. Johnson is an educated man, but seems to have a special talent for artistic work of this kind. The statue was presented to Professor Blackshear by W. H. Hightower.

B. L. BLACKSHEAR RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

On motion of W. H. Wilson of Brazoria county, E. L. Blackshear was unanimously re-elected as president of the State Negro Farmers Congress. The congress is still in operation and which will have canned over 12,000 cans of vegetables by the time the season is over. The officers of the farmers congress for the next year were elected and are as follows: E. L. Blackshear, president; Surry Smith Sr., Burleson county, vice president; W. H. Wilson, Brazoria, recording secretary; J. Mason, corresponding secretary; G. A. Mayo, Washington, treasurer; C. H. Waller, State organizer, and D. Porter, assistant State organizer. The agricultural department had prepared an old-fashioned barbecue at which the entire congress as well as the students were given dinner. The afternoon session was addressed by Hon. J. D. Davis, State health officer, who spoke along the lines of need for greater sanitation and greater care as to health in the prevention of diseases. His talk was both interesting and instructive. Judging from the interest manifested and the attendance, this is the most inspiring session the congress has ever had.

and the outlook for great practical results is encouraging indeed.

CONGRESS PASSED STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed: Whereas, The thirty-fourth legislature passed and Governor James E. Ferguson approved the large appropriation, amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars, for the maintenance of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial college for the next two years; and

Whereas, This is the largest governmental appropriation ever made for a negro State institution by any State in the Union, be it

Resolved That we the members of the Texas Negro Farmers' congress, do hereby express our gratitude to the members of the thirty-fourth legislature and to the governor of Texas, Hon. James E. Ferguson, for this act in behalf of negro education at Prairie View.

Resolved, further, That in view of Governor Ferguson's successful advocacy of the million-dollar rural school bill and for the compulsory education bill we recognize in him the greatest political force for the advancement of education which Texas or the South has produced, and

Resolved, further, That we urge upon our people everywhere to take the best possible advantage of educational opportunities which improvements now going on in the educational system of Texas will afford to them to the end that the children of the negro race may be better prepared for usefulness and fully imbued with the spirit and desire to be of service to the State.

W. H. Wilson,
D. Porter.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO WHITE PEOPLE.

The meeting at which this second resolution was adopted was presided over by Prof. D. Porter of Brenham, who is also president of the Brenham Industrial college.

Whereas, the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial college, established by constitution of Texas and maintained by the legislature, is an indispensable institution for the development of the negro boy and girl, and is a nucleus for information as it is being operated in behalf of the colored citizenship of this great State.

We, the colored farmers of Texas, hereby express our gratitude to the good white people of this State for providing an institution of such unmeasurable benefit to the race that must have their support and without which would dwindle to insignificance. We recognize the fact that this institution is putting an industrial life into our people that guarantees a better citizenship. We appreciate the spirit of loyalty and faithful service that is being taught the negro youth and the further fact that this spirit is being injected into the home life of our people, resulting in better sanitary conditions, neater homes and improved farms. By personal observation and inspection of the work that is being done in the various departments by Principal E. L. Blackshear and his able faculty we can but feel proud of him and grateful to the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college for providing us with such efficient and self sacrificing public servants.

We recognize Prof. Blackshear as a safe and sound leader, one whose life has been pure and clean and one who has shown his capacity for guarding the proper relation that must exist between the races. Coming from the farms and rural districts where the masses of our people live we, the colored farmers of Texas, are in a position to know the life of Blackshear as is being reflected in our homes through our boys and girls. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we give our indorsement to Prof. Blackshear and his able faculty for the faithful service they have rendered the race and trust that in the judgment of the governor and board of

directors that they may see fit to retain Prof. Blackshear as principal and his able faculty in order that they may continue the work which they have so well outlined. Be it further,

Resolved, that we feel grateful and indorse the action of the board for providing this institution with Prof. C. H. Waller, teacher of agriculture. We acknowledge that his service is an inspiration to our farm life.

INFLUENCE OF SCHOOL WIDESPREAD.

The influence of the Prairie View school has undoubtedly been the main factor in the introduction of industrial training along different practical lines into the public school schools both rural and urban of the State of Texas, and this great ideal of practical usefulness is being implanted more and more strongly by the institution in the hearts and minds of the negro people of Texas. The closing exercises of the summer session takes place tomorrow at 7:30 p. m., at which time the commencement address will be delivered by Prof. R. L. Smith, president of the Farmers' Improvement society, which is unquestionably the greatest agricultural negro organization in the United States. The diplomas will be awarded to the graduating class by Hon. E. H. Astin of Bryan, Texas, chairman of the Prairie View committee of the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

The Christian
Big Attendance of Farmers and Re-
ligious Workers At Lane Col-
lege

The Negro Farmers' Conference that was held last week at Lane College was declared to be the most successful session of that splendid organization. It was very largely attended, there being more than three hundred and fifty farmers besides their wives and children in attendance. President J. F. Lane expressed satisfaction in the work accomplished and stated that the conference is now reaching a very large number of people throughout this section of the country and helping them in a very effective way.

The interest in the work of the teacher-preacher-farmers meeting ran high as the talks were made by various ones on the subjects of "How my teacher can help me in my church work" and "How my preacher can help me in my school work." Cooperation on the part of the teacher, preacher and patron was urged as a necessity for the progress of the race by Rev. J. A. Hamlett, the editor of

the Christian Index of this city.

Bishop N. C. Cleaves made a strong address urging the farmers to practice rigid economy, honesty, industry and frugality. He admonished the people to use wisely their time and money. With much feelings, he observed that entirely too many members of the race and most especially young men of the race are charged each year with crime. He made a strong appeal for the people to frown down upon wrong doings of every kind and lawlessness wherever it is found. Bootlegging was denounced in a most vigorous way, the Bishop declaring that the use of whiskey had done more harm and injury to the human family

than can be estimated in terms of dollars and cents. He warned the people against throwing away their hard earned money by buying cheap jewelry, trashy books, cheap musical instruments and buying in general on the installment plan. He advised them to adopt the rule of doing without rather than give mortgage on their holdings. "Unless we live within our means" he declared, "our future will indeed be dark."

Mr. T. M. Campbell, Farm demonstrating Agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. S. A. Roberts, Director of the State Experiment Station; Mr. Hawk and Messrs. Hall as well as President Lane made helpful addresses, urging diversification of crops. Dr. S. W. Broome of the College Faculty also made a brilliant address.

The Conference adjourned Friday night with a splendid address delivered by Dr. Sutton E. Griggs of Memphis.

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Colored Farmers Hold Fine Meeting

Topeka Industrial Institute Was Scene of a Highly Instructive Gathering.

NEGRO FARMERS MAKE GOOD.

Getting Hold of Kansas Soil—Remarkable Showing at Farmers' Conference.

Much has been said about the Negroes throughout the country leaving the farms and flocking to the city. While this may be true in some states, Kansas is indeed an exception. During the Farmers' Conference held at the Industrial and Educational Institute, east of the city, it was developed that the Negroes of Kansas owned 1,532 farms. The total acreage of these farms being 135,800 and valued at \$8,452,975, the lands themselves being valued at \$5,468,294; value of buildings, \$949,020; implements and machinery, \$190,513; live stock, \$945,148.

There has been a net increase of 125 per cent in the holdings of the colored farmers during the past ten years. The exodus of pioneer Negro farmers to the state of Kansas, the sacrifices, the struggles, the holding on and final victory is an inspiration not only to the Negro youth, but to the youth of both races. During the conference gray-headed men told how they came to Kansas penniless, and today several of them have holdings ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Every speaker made an earnest appeal to the youth of the race to stick to the soil. A movement has been inaugurated for the establishment of corn clubs, canning clubs and pig clubs, to operate under the direction of the Farmers' Conference.

The two days of the conference proved helpful to everyone in attendance. The following program was rendered:

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

Meeting of executive committee and trustees.

2:00 P. M.

Prayer—Rev. F. J. Peck, D. D.
Reports of vice presidents.
Appointment of committees.

"The Rotations of Crops"—Ed Harvey, Eudora; Wm. Smith, Larned; Prior Dickey, Oak Mills; W. H. McAlister, Frankfort; A. Alexander, Nicodemus.

"Poultry Raising"—Dave Lane, Topeka; O. W. Redding, Independence; Mrs. R. P. Brown, Morris; Riley Potter, Blaine.

"Growing Potatoes on Clay Soil"—Prof. P. L. Jacobs, Western University, Quindaro.

"The Water on the Farm"—Prof. M. W. Freeman, Industrial Institute.

"Sticking to a Western Kansas Claim"—Miss Georgia Walker, Hudson, Kan.

Question box.

7:30 P. M.

Music—Industrial Institute students.

Prayer—Rev. G. W. Henry.

"The Need of Closer Co-operation"—J. C. Groves, Edwardsville.

"Relation of the Business League to the Farmer"—J. M. Wright, Topeka, vice president of National Negro Business League.

Address—Prof. George R. Bridgeforth, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

"Development of an Idea"—Prof. J. W. Damel, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

Question box.

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Prayer—Rev. G. W. Walker.

History of the Association—Arthur Emery, secretary, Lawrence.

"Intensive Farming"—Jason Smith, Topeka; J. R. Rogers, Princeton; James Suggs, Grantville.

Swine Symposium—Henry Buchanan, Potter; James Scott, Topeka.

"Growing 115 Bushels of Corn to the Acre"—N. C. Bruce, Bartlett Agricultural School, Dalton, Mo.

"Care of the Feet of Live Stock"—J. H. Wilson, Ottawa.

"Vaccination of Hogs"—Prof. R. E. Malone, Industrial Institute.

"Making Dairying Pay"—T. P. Mallory, Eskridge; Perry Oden, Topeka; Perry Johnson, Auburn.

"How I Have Succeeded Since I Left the Electric Lights"—James Wallace, Eskridge.

"Sudan Grass and Other Dry Weather Crops"—B. F. Pulley, Larned; T. W. Ganaway, Pratt.

"Two Apples to the Quart"—Mrs. W. G. Anderson, Baldwin.

Address—Governor Arthur Capper.

Question box.

7:30 P. M.

Music—Industrial Institute students.

Prayer—Rev. McK. Miller.

"Raising and Marketing Mules"—Robert Woods, Strong City.

"The Getting Together of Farmers' Wives"—Mrs. M. Bolin, Oakland.

"Holding the Young People to the Farm"—W. L. Sayers, county attorney, Graham county.

Address—Prof. Geo. R. Bridgeforth, director of agriculture, Tuskegee Institute.

"How the Meeting Has Helped Me"—Led by J. C. Carson, Sibleyville.

Reports of committees.

Awarding of premiums.

A special program was arranged for the women. Mrs. M. G. Bolin had charge of the women's session. Among the many subjects discussed were: "Making Home Life More Attractive," "Rural Club Work," "Home Canning," "New Plans for Next Year."

POULTRY SHOW.

The poultry show was a very decided success. More than 125 birds from different parts of the state were exhibited. The following awards were made:

Canned Pears—Mrs. Geo. Walker, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Jas. Scott, 2nd prize, 25c.

Canned Peaches—Mrs. J. N. Fisher, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. H. Col-

well, 2nd prize, 25c; honorable mention, Mrs. George Walker, Mrs. R. F. Hayden, Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. Syl Morrow, Mrs. M. G. Bolin.

Canned Tomatoes—Mrs. F. E. Barber, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. R. F. Hayden, 2nd prize, 25c.

Canned String Beans—Mrs. F. Barber, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. M. G. Bolin, 2nd prize, 25c.

Canned Blackberries—Mrs. Scott, honorable mention.

Canned Beets—Mrs. R. F. Hayden, honorable mention.

Grape Jelly—Mrs. Jas. Scott, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. M. G. Bolin, 2nd prize, 25c; Mrs. Ed Vance, honorable mention.

Quince Jelly—Mrs. Mims, honorable mention.

Plum Jelly—Mrs. S. Mims, honorable mention.

Canned Corn on Cob—Mrs. F. E. Barber, honorable mention.

Pickled Peppers—Mrs. M. G. Bolin, honorable mention.

Chow-chow—Mrs. G. Bolin, honorable mention.

Pear Preserves—Mrs. Ed Vance, honorable mention.

Preserved Apples and Quinces—Mrs. Jas. Scott, honorable mention.

Apple Jelly—Mrs. S. Mims, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Ed Vance, 2nd prize, 25c; honorable mention, Mrs. Syl Morrow, Mrs. J. N. Fisher.

Apple Butter—Mrs. James Scott, honorable mention.

Peach Butter—Mrs. Colwell, honorable mention.

Green Pickles—Mrs. M. G. Bolin, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, 2nd prize, 25c.

Pickled Peaches—Mrs. E. Spottsville, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Colwell, 2nd prize, 25c.

Mixed Pickles—Mrs. Vance, honorable mention.

Candies (fondant)—Mrs. M. G. Bolin, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, 2nd prize, 25c.

Bread—Mrs. M. G. Bolin, honorable mention.

Chicken—Mrs. M. G. Bolin, honorable mention.

Cake—Mrs. J. N. Fisher, honorable mention.

Canned Cherries—Mrs. Ed Vance, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. F. E. Barber, 2nd prize, 25c.

Canned Plums—Mrs. E. Vance, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. H. Colwell, 2nd prize, 25c.

Needlework—Mrs. Wilson,

prize, 50c; Miss Dickey, 2nd prize, 25c.

Silk Quilt—Mrs. P. Phillips, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Ed Sizemore, 2nd prize, 25c.

Cotton Quilt—Mrs. Henry Buchanan, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. P. Phillips, 2nd prize, 25c.

Butter—Mrs. James Scott, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. M. G. Bolin, 2nd prize, 25c.

Fresh Fruits—Mr. George Walker, 1st prize, \$1.00.

Pumpkin—M. Bolin, 1st prize, 50c; N. Chiles, 2nd prize, 25c.

Yellow Jersey—M. Bolin, 1st prize, 50c; D. Chiles, 2nd prize, 25c.

Southern Queen—D. Chiles, 1st prize, 50c; E. Spottsville, 2nd prize, 25c.

Potatoes—Mrs. J. R. Rogers, 1st prize, 50c; N. Chiles, 2nd prize, 25c.

White Beans—Mr. Hayden, 1st prize, 50c.

Dozen Eggs—James Scott, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Bolin, 2nd prize, 25c.

Wheat—Eugene Bell, 1st prize, \$1.00; John Fleming, 2nd prize, 50c; L. Buchanan, 3rd prize, 25c.

Milo—Rev. S. M. Lee, 1st prize, 50c.

Kaffir Corn—Rev. S. M. Lee, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. P. Phillips, 2nd prize, 25c.

White Dent Corn—Foster Chiles, 1st prize, \$2.00; Miss Anna Bell Ross, 2nd prize, \$1.00.

Yellow Dent—Foster Chiles, 1st and 2nd prizes, \$2.00, \$1.00.

Rhode Island Red—Mrs. F. Vance, 2nd prize, 50c.

White Leghorn—James Scott, 1st prize, \$1.00.

White Chinese Geese—Mrs. F. Vance, 1st prize, \$1.00.

Plymouth Rock—David Lane, 1st prize, \$1.00; G. Jamison, 2nd prize, 50c.

Black Spanish—David Lane, 1st prize, \$1.50; G. Jamison, 2nd prize, \$1.00.

Rouen Ducks—Mrs. P. Phillips, 1st prize, 50c.

Indian Runner—Mrs. F. Vance, 1st prize, \$1.00.

Honorable mention to the following:

Yellow corn, R. C. Cunningham; preserved fruit, Geo Walker; white corn, Mr. Robinson; turnips, A. Emery; pumpkin, Mr. Chiles; white navy beans, Mrs. M. G. Bolin; red onions, Mrs. Mims; corn, W. L. Sayers; sausage meat, Mrs. J. R.

Rogers; Oats, James Scott; yellow corn, James Scott; Kaffir corn, Mrs. Phillips; popcorn, Mr. Caldwell; sugar corn, Mr. Jamison; 90-day corn, Mr. Caldwell; popcorn, Mr. Hayden; white corn, P. Dickey; yellow corn, A. Emery; corn, S. M. Lee.

The exhibits of farm, field and household products far surpassed the most sanguine expectations. There were exhibits from every section of Kansas, also from Colorado and Missouri.

N. C. Bruce, the champion corn grower, exhibited corn that yielded 115 bushels to the acre. This corn won the sweepstakes throughout the entire country.

The address by Governor Capper was an inspiration to every farmer. The conference ordered the Governor's address to be printed and sent to every farmer in the state.

The one idea throughout the conference has been the holding of the young people to the farm. The following declarations were approved by the conference, and every farmer pledged himself to carry forward the prosecution of the work:

First—That it is the voice of this conference that the Negro farmers of Kansas change as speedily as possible from the one crop system to a diversity of crops, the rotation of crops, and the growing of more live stock. Especially does this conference urge the growing of more alfalfa and the introduction of live stock for the maintenance of soil fertility and for the greatest crop production throughout the state of Kansas.

Second—We would further urge the improvement of the home and home conveniences, for the comfort, health and happiness of all of the occupants, with special emphasis being laid upon the comforts and conveniences for the women of the home.

Third—The Negroes are further called upon to see to it that their children have the very best education along agricultural, industrial and academic lines, and that every means afforded by the state government of Kansas and the United States government for the progress of its citizens living upon the farm, be used by the Negro farmers in advancing themselves along all of these lines.

Fourth—The conference would further urge that the Negro farmers throughout the state of Kansas give heed to the planting of less acres and tilling these acres more intelligently than ever before. Knowing that it is a common practice among many farmers to plant crops that must of necessity ruin for lack of labor or proper management, it seems wise to especially urge that the crop acres be reduced.

Fifth—The fair that is now being held in connection with this conference has grown so rapidly and created so much interest, we would urge that this fair be continued and that the Negro farmers throughout the state be encouraged to make an exhibit at this fair each year in connection with the conference. By so doing we feel that the conference will be of highest service to the people and afford the Negro farmers that come to the conference an opportunity to see what other sections of the state are doing.

Sixth—We would strongly advise the organization of clubs among Negro boys and girls throughout the state, such as potato clubs, tomato clubs, corn clubs, poultry clubs and pig clubs for the proper training of Negro boys and girls to give them an early insight into the advantages on the farm, and thus prevent the Negro boys and girls in the state of Kansas from drifting towards the cities.

Seventh—As the health of our people is so dependent upon the water supply, we cannot but urge the farmers throughout the state to see to it that they have nothing but the very best and purest water supply, not only for the family in abundance, but for their live stock.

It is encouraging to note the interest that the schools are taking in the conference. Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, sent Prof. Geo. R. Bridgeforth, director of agriculture. Mr. Bridgeforth knows agriculture from A to Z and his addresses proved beneficial to every farmer in attendance. Bartlett Agricultural School at Dalton, Md., sent its principal, N. C. Bruce, and Mrs. Bruce, whose counsel and support the conference

valued highly. Lincoln Institute, at Jefferson City, Mo., was represented by Prof. J. M. Damel, director of agriculture. Prof. Damel is indeed a live wire and is always on the firing line. Western University was very fittingly represented by Prof. Kealing and Prof. P. L. Jacobs.

All have agreed that it was the most successful meeting ever held in the history of the organization. Just before the close of the last session the farmers made a very substantial donation to the institution. The farmers were loud in their praise of the way the institution cared for the delegation, and the general interest of faculty and students. Everybody left the institution thoroughly imbued with the spirit of accomplishment more during the incoming year.

Already plans have been inaugurated for more extension work during the coming season. The following officers will preside over the destinies of the conference for the next year:

William R. Carter, President.
J. G. Carson, Vice President.
Mrs. M. Bolin, Second Vice President.
T. W. Ganaway, Third Vice President.
J. C. Groves, Treasurer.
J. R. Rogers, Chairman of Executive Committee.

Mrs. Ida M. Woods, Director of Women's Department.
Arthur Emery, Secretary.
NEWTON, KAN.

We wish to say that the revival which has been running the past three weeks at the A. M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, H. C. White, and the evangelist, Rev. T. M. Reaves, was quite a success.

On Thanksgiving day the Rev. Turner of the C. M. E. church and Rev. Garnett of the Second Baptist church came down and united with the A. M. E. church, and all there enjoyed an outpouring of the presence of the Holy Spirit of God. Our cottage prayer meetings were soul-stirring and at the command the net was let down, and in pulling to shore we had to beckon to our

beloved partner and pastor, Rev. Garnett of the Second Baptist church, to land the draught. There were in each church the spoil was divided.

In this united effort of pastors there were fifteen to be divided, as follows:

Three conversions to the Baptist church, and two accessions.

For the A. M. E. church there were four conversions and six accessions.

We feel encouraged to launch further out into the deep. We have a good congregation of strong Christian workers, down at Hall's Chapel A. M. E. church, Eleventh and Oak streets. When you come to town and want to have a spiritual awakening, come down and come in. Our doors, hearts, hands and homes stand open night and day. We welcome you to our pulpit if you come well recommended.

Any of our general officers passing this way please write us. We shall be glad to have you stop over and see us.

H. C. WHITE, Pastor.
FARMERS' CONFERENCE.

Sunflower State Agricultural Association to Meet.

The Sunflower State Agricultural Association, an organization composed of the leading farmers throughout the state of Kansas, will hold its annual Farmers' Conference at the Topeka Industrial and Mechanical Institute, Wednesday and Thursday, December 8th and 9th. A very helpful program has been arranged. There will be inspiring addresses, common sense talks, poultry show, exhibit of farm products and live stock. Negroes expert in agriculture from different sections of the country will be present. As usual the institution will entertain all persons in attendance upon the Conference. The officers of the Association are:

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J. C. Carson, Vice President.
Mrs. M. Bolin, Second Vice President.
G. P. Ganaway, Third Vice President.
J. G. Groves, Treasurer.
J. R. Rogers, Chairman of Executive Committee.
Mrs. Ida M. Woods, Director of Women's Department.

Arthur Emery, Secretary. All farmers and their families and persons who are agriculturally inclined are invited to come and be present throughout the sessions.

For further information concerning the premium list write William R. Carter, Industrial Institute, Topeka, Kansas.

FARMERS' WEEK AT A. & M.

The American
The Farmers' Week for 1915 will begin on February 9th and continue through February 14th, 1915. The most important feature of the week will be a lecture by Hon. P. F. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. Dr. Claxton will lecture on the last day of Farmers' Week, February 14th, at 10 o'clock. His subject will be "Some Possibilities of Co-operation in Farming." He has given quite a bit of study and thought to co-operative farming and is well posted on this subject. No farmer in the State can well afford to to miss Dr. Claxton's lecture, which will be on the last day of farmers' week.

Others features of the week will be Seed Corn Day which will be Thursday, February 11th, and will be in charge of Professor C. R. Hudson, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. All farmers are requested to bring along their seed corn. A prize of five dollars will be given for the best samples of corn submitted. Friday, February 12th, will be Women's Day. Prizes will be given for the best samples of canned goods. Prizes will also be given for farm products such as tobacco, cotton, poultry, and other various things. Premium list will be sent to all persons who desire it.

Farmers Conference, Courtland, Va.

The Journal and
On April 8th, 1915 at eleven o'clock, the Spring session of the Farmers' Conference will be held at Courtland. Business of much importance will be transacted. Don't forget the date and place. P. F. Cloyd, President, J. W. Weaver, secretary.

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SAINT PAUL'S CONFERENCE

Wonderful Progress Among Col-
ored Farmers of Brunswick
County

1000 ACRES OF LAND ADDED

Auditor's Report Shows That
Race Now Owns Fraction
Less Than 60,000 Acres
In County

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Lawrenceville, Va., August 10—

The eleventh annual session of the St. Paul Farmers' Conference held here at the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School was full of interest and variety. The conference is an organization of 1000 Negro farmers and workers organized and fostered by the school for the purpose of social, material, moral and religious uplift. Through the medium of the conference the great work of the school in maintaining helpful relations between the races, securing better school facilities, improving farm methods, elevation of morals and encouraging thrift and increasing self-respect, carried into every nook of the county with the result that Negroes in Brunswick county are among the best behaved, most thrifty, law-abiding and industrious in the state.

The conference gives attention to such practical and helpful things as better methods of farming, better homes, increasing the length of the school term by local self-taxation, buying land and maintaining helpful relations between the races. The county is divided into conference committees corresponding to the schools and representatives from these are asked to report upon community conditions. There are fourteen questions asked embracing such subjects as the school, the home neighborhood, morals, amount

of money raised by extending school terms, number of acres of land bought, number of new built houses, or remodelled, repaired, painted or whitewashed; whether frame or log, number of rooms and upon the crop increase, or decrease of acreage, soil improvement, giving of crop liens, growing corn, raising hogs, chickens, stock, production of milk, butter etc.

The questions are a most interesting phase of the conference's work as they reflect the real life and purpose of community activities. The replies are illuminating and interesting, showing that 35 new houses had been built at a cost of from \$400 to \$1,200 and others remodelled, repaired and painted. Over 1000 acres of land purchased since last conference, 2 new school houses built by cooperative effort, \$500 raised to extend the school term one month, \$1,600 raised by subscription or paid in cash for prospective new schools or for various school

improvements such as new desks, industrial material, etc., In the matter of food supplies for themselves and stock, more hogs being raised and the acreage in corn practically doubled. As the money crops, tobacco, cotton and peanuts still hold first place, but more farmers are getting away from the strictly money crops and are diversifying their farming.

The president's address was a masterly review of the year's progress in land buying, home improvement, education, moral, religious and social improvement. The address showed that the Negroes of the county according to the auditor's report owned a fraction less than 60,000 acres of land and that their real and personal property was assessed with taxes amounting to a little over \$6000.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, United States Government Farm Demonstration Service, delivered a very helpful and instructive address on "Diversified Farming." Mr. D. D. Sizer, the white Farm Demonstrator for the county made a most telling and effective address on "Living at Home." Both of these addresses were eminently practical and went right to the meat of the question. The night session was devoted to a conference on community conditions embracing better housing, better

yards, beautifying the yard, better churches. The round table gave opportunity for farmers to tell how they grew their various crops and prepared the soil.

The woman's conference which took place on the second day was well attended. Friday closed the conference. The woman's conference is an organization of the mothers, farmers, wives, and daughters of the county which meets with the conference, giving attention to matters of the home, the garden, vegetables, sanitation and making farm life conditions more tolerable. Their work through the various Mothers' Clubs of the county has done much to improve the status of women and elevate the sanctity of the home. The women's conference together with the general conference donated \$45 to the school as a free-will offering.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE AT ISLE OF WIGHT

Witnessed by Largest Crowds

Ever Assembled For Like

The Journal and Guide 7/17/15
Isle of Wight, C. H., Va., April 13.—Yesterday, the largest crowd ever assembled in this county for an occasion was in evidence at the Negro Farmers Conference, which was conceded by all to be the liveliest and most interesting ever held in this section.

Hon. T. C. Walker, of Gloucester County, Miss S. A. Jenkins, state agent for Homemakers Club of the State department of Agriculture, Hampton Institute and C. H. Oliver, advertising manager of the Journal and Guide of Norfolk, thrilled and inspired the crowds with eloquent and impressive addresses, that left a lasting impression and will have telling effect upon the community for years to come. Mr. Henry Hall is president and Rev. D. W. Baker, one of the leading spirits of the conference.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE AT RICEVILLE, TENNESSEE

The Negro Farmer
The Fifth Annual Farmers' Convention and Industrial Fair for Negro Farmers was held at the Wallace Grammar School in Riceville, Tennessee, Saturday, March 13, 1915. The President of the Convention, W. P. Ware, principal of the school presided.

Farmers from eight counties were present with their families. An exhibition of the industrial work from McMinn County Colored School consisted of sewing, basketry, and excellent embroidery. The Riceville school exhibited cooking, millinery and sewing in addition to chickens pigs, potatoes, etc.

Prizes were awarded for the best chickens, corn, potatoes, and cake. About six hundred people were present during the day.

Prof. D. M. Anderson, S. R. Extension Agent, spoke on corn. Asst. Com. J. A. Dinwiddie, discussed poultry, demonstrating with the live bird. Prof. J. L. White, Professor of Agronomy at the A. and I. State Normal at Nashville, gave tests for determining the kinds of soil.

Dr. W. M. Young, of Nashville, Industrial Education.

Mr. S. S. Smith, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, "Relation of the School to the Farm."

Superintendent Zeigler, of McMinn County, spoke along educational lines.

President Hale, of Nashville, made the closing address. It was the largest meeting the Convention has ever had. The 100 White Leghorn eggs were won by Mrs. W. P. Ware, Riceville, for the best coop of chickens, they were Buff Opingtons. Homer Wood, of Sanford, won the prize for the best pig. Mr. Lenoir, of Mt. Harmony, prize for the best Irish potatoes. Miss F. A. Matlock, of Riceville, best hand pieced quilt. Mrs. Annie Elder, of Riceville, best cake. Young Upton, of Hota, best ten ears of corn raised by boy.

There were between six and seven hundred people on the grounds during the day.

BRUNSWICK CO. VA.,
NEGROES OWN \$600,000

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

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The mothers, farmers' wives and daughters of the county which meets with the conference, giving attention to matters of the home, the garden, vegetables, sanitation and making farm life conditions more tolerable. Their work through the various

ious mothers' club of the country has done much to improve the status of women and elevate the sanctity of the home.

HOW BEST TO MEET HARD TIMES.

Will Be Discussed By Speakers at Lane Col-

The Christian
At Lane College, there are held during each year three meetings of unusual importance: viz., a Ministerial Institute during the month of June, a Teachers' Institute during the month of July and a Farmers' Conference during the month of February. As a school of the people doing work for their uplift, Lane College seeks to promote through these meetings the advancement of the Negro along all lines. Judging from the attendance, interest and results, the College has been highly successful in all her work.

As the time for holding of the Farmers' Conference approaches, unusual interest is being manifested in it.

President J. F. Lane, the promoter and moving spirit of these meetings, is planning for a most profitable session of the Farmers' meeting on the 25th and 26th of this month, and in all of his plans he is meeting with pronounced success.

On Thursday the conference will discuss "The best ways by which to meet hard times" by (1) practicing economy in use of (a) time, (b), money, (c) supplies etc., and (2) growing food stuff for (a) own tables (b) market. "Is the one-crop method of farming the best" will also be developed in the discussion of the above mentioned subject. At night a great Mass Meeting will be held in the College Chapel at which time "What Can Be Done to Improve the Economic Condition of the Negro" will be discussed.

Perhaps the greatest interest is now being centered on the conference of teachers, preachers and farmers on Friday. The first thirty minutes will be used by the teachers in telling how the teachers can help them in their church work, while the teachers will take the remainder of the hour in telling how the minister can help them in their educational work. Bishop Nelson C. Cleaves, D. D., a close student of the social and economic problem has been asked to speak at this time on the importance of both teachers and preachers co-operating in their work among the people.

On Friday at noon, the women of Jackson as heretofore will serve a dinner, and at three o'clock, they will render their annual program. The Conference will close Friday night with a great mass meeting.

Teachers and Farmers Hold Grand Rally At Pulaski Saturday.

Pulaski, March 22.—(Special to the Globe.) Saturday was a red letter day in the history of the Negro teachers and farmers assembled in a joint session in the county court room with a packed house. Reception committee consisting of Professors T. Bridgeforth, president; H. H. Thompson, secretary, and T. P. Turner in an auto met President of the State Agricultural and Industrial Normal, W. J. Hale, and Prof. J. L. White, demonstrator of Agricultural Improvement Methods, at the L. and N. depot at 11 a. m. and conducted them to the Giles County court house, where the following program was carried out: Assembly called to order and introductory remarks by the president; hymn, "Whiter than snow," led by Mrs. M. A. Bridgeforth; prayer Rev. D. Howard, pastor Beulah Baptist Church; music, Broad View School Glee Club; address, Teachers' Welcome, Prof. H. H. Thompson; music, Pulaski High School Glee Club; ladies accord welcome, Prof. A. M. Gilbert (substitute); music, Broad View School Glee Club; "Farmers Bid You Welcome," Prof. B. H. Morrell; music, Broad View Glee Club; "Our State Normal and What It Stands For," President W. J. Hale; "Soil Improvement," illustrated by actual test, Prof. J. L. White; comments by County Superintendent Prof. B. H. Gaultney.

At the conclusion of the program a series of resolutions were submitted by Profs. H. H. Thompson and J. T. Bridgeforth and read and adopted without a dissenting voice and reads thus:

First—Resolved, That the unfeigned thanks and highest appreciation of the services rendered the teachers and farmers of Giles County of this joint session is due, hereby expressed and tendered Profs. Hale and White, with the assurance that the same become a part of our course of instruction and future action as far as conditions will allow.

Second—Resolved, That the undying gratitude of the Teacher-Farmers' Association of Giles County is hereby due and tendered Senator N. H. White, Representative J. W. Flournoy and their colleagues for the noble stand taken and efforts being put forth for the extension of the Jefferson street car line to accommodate the student body, faculty of the State A. and I. Normal and colored citizens of West Nashville, and for the interest exerted by them in the promotion of the welfare of the Negroes of the State.

Cincinnati

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

Appoints Delegates To Negro Farmers' Congress at San Francisco.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.
Frankfort, Ky., July 29.—Delegates to the Negro Farmers' and Rural District Congress, to be held in San Francisco, August 26 to 29, were appointed today by Governor McCreary. They follow: Solomon Dean, R. C. Ward, R. W. James, J. S. Estill, M. S. Hinton, Spence Jackson, Willie Green, George C. Wakefield, all of Frankfort; E. L. Pool, Edmonto W. D. Wall, Spring Station; Innis Coleman, Nicholasville; Charles Blythe, Berea; A. L. Bridwell, Greendale; Richard Way, Lebanon; W. B. Wood, Somerset; S. E. Dean, Cloverport; Joe Ray, Bloomfield; G. W. Samples, Shelbyville; Braithoun, Silver Creek; Perry Blythe, G. Miller, Robert White, Richmond; Curran Harris, Paytown; W. H. Robinson, French Thompson, Paris; B. J. Quarles, Peter Postell, J. P. Whitney, Hopkinville; W. L. Bowman, Bardstown; Robert Syres, Falmouth; I. B. Thomas, Mayfield; H. Garvin, Winchester; W. I. Robinson, Cave City; Garrett Marsfield, W. Whitney, W. B. Smith, Glasgow; Mo. Scott, Georgetown; George Russell, Lexington; Henry Lee, Versailles; James Diggs, Clay Stovall, Lawrenceburg; J. V. Harp, Henderson; D. B. Williams, Franklin; and L. L. Rowe, Horse Cave.

LANE COLLEGE NEGRO FARMERS' CONFERENCE.

Special
Jackson, Tenn., February 25.—(Special.) The annual Lane College Negro Farmers' Conference will be held at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., Thursday and Friday, February 25th and 26th, 1915. This conference has become a factor of great power for the uplift of the people. Its sessions are always full of interest not only to the farmers, but to preachers, teachers, the doctors, business men and all others who are doing constructive work among the people. At the forthcoming session, subjects of great importance will be discussed. Because of the stringency of the times, the work of the conference this year promises to be unusually helpful.

"Is the one-crop method of farming (supported by the tendency of the age toward specialization) responsible in a measure for the present financial 'straights' in which so many farmers find themselves? Would diversified farming, such as is possible in this section of our country, give an income from a multiplicity of sources instead of a bare living from one source, as is often claimed?" The economic principles on which the above-mentioned questions must be answered will be fully exposed during the session of the conference.

Diseases among cattle, their treatment and cure, a market for the crops and crops for the market, conservation of health among Negroes, how the churches and schools may be made more efficient in their work are subjects that will be discussed in an interesting and thorough manner.

As heretofore, the Government will

send experts to address the Conference and seed for free distribution.

The new feature of the conference work this year is a session for religious and educational workers. This grows out of an earnest desire on the part of the church and listened eagerly to his sermons. We wish him much success in his new field, and the invitation I extended him to visit Smyrna when ever convenient for him to do so.

Big Crowd Attends Farmers' Conference.

The Nashville
Nashville, March 14th.—The Negro Farmers' Conference of McMinn County held its annual session at Wallace Grammar School, Riceville, Tenn., on March 13, 1915. An enthusiastic crowd of more than 600 men, women and children attended the meeting. Many addresses were delivered during the day, among which were those delivered by Mr. J. A. Denwiddie, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture of East Tennessee; Mr. B. M. Anderson, Southern Railway Agricultural Field Agent; Prof. W. J. Hale, President Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School of Nashville, Tenn.; Prof. Zeigler, County Superintendent McMinn County; Prof. Smith, Supervisor Jeanes Fund State of Tennessee; Prof. J. L. White and Dr. W. H. Young, both of the State Normal, Nashville.

A large number of farm and home products were on exhibit and prizes awarded the persons having the best productions. Much credit is due Prof. W. P. Ware, Principal of Wallace Grammar School and President of the Farmers' Association, and also Miss D. Vivian Gilmore, Jeanes Supervisor, McMinn County (as well as others) for the success of the meeting.

FARMERS MEET AT DINWIDDIE

Annual Gathering Shows Progress In Land Buying and Farm And Home Improvement

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Dinwiddie, Va., November 3.—The Dinwiddie Farmers' Conference was held at the D. A. and I. School October 28 and was largely attended. The conference was conducted by Professor T. C. Erwin, the president. Professor W. E. Woodyard, principal of Dinwiddie Institute, threw open the doors of the School and made all of the farmers feel at

home. Among those who made addresses were: Miss L. A. Jenkins, on "The Best Methods of Canning," Mrs. Evans, the Industrial Supervisor of Dinwiddie County; Mr. Croucher, head of the Agricultural Department of Hampton Institute; Mr. J. B. Pierce, District Demonstrator for North Carolina and Virginia.

The result of this organization so far is encouraging. Since the first meeting many young farmers have purchased land and built houses, bought horses, cattle, buggies and carriages. Schools have been built and terms lengthened. It was notable that every farmer at the Conference drove and owned his horse and buggy. Some came in carriages. All the teams and vehicles were first class, not a tackey one was seen on the campus.

The officers elected were Professor T. C. Erwin, president; Professor W. E. Woodyard, vice president; Mr. R. C. Evans, secretary and Mr. R. D. Ridley, treasurer.

Rural Conference Of Negroes Adjourn

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 2.—The Mississippi Rural Conference of Negroes adjourned last night, after a session of three days, during which time a number of speakers of the colored race from many parts of the State discussed problems peculiar to educational schools of country districts.

The meetings were held in the daytime in the house of representatives in the State Capitol, and at nights in a negro church.

So much enthusiasm was manifested in the conference that another one probably will be held next year. The conference was arranged by J. M. Williamson, president of the Industrial-Agricultural College, colored, of Shelby, Miss.

A large number of the more representative colored men of the State came here from all sections of Mississippi to take part in the deliberations of the convention.

The officers elected by the conference are as follows: President, J. M. Williamson, of Shelby; vice president, J. J. Rowan, of Alcorn College; secretary, W. H. Braxton, of Bolivar; treasurer, C. B. Minor, of Vicksburg.

An executive committee, with E. T. Johnson, of Port Gibson, as chairman, was appointed. Johnson is a splendid example of a progressive farmer. He farms along intelligent lines and is well thought of by all classes in his community.

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CO-OPERATION IS URGED IN NEGROES' EDUCATION

C. M. Thomas of This City Talks to
Farmers' Alliance of North-
ern Virginia.

Active co-operation with state and federal authorities as regards education was urged upon the Farmers' Alliance of Northern Virginia Negro meeting today at the Manassas Industrial Institute, Manassas, Va., by Charles M. Thomas, chairman of the executive committee of the Teachers' Association of the District of Columbia. The subject chosen by Mr. Thomas, who is also one of the staff of the Washington Normal School for Colored Youth, was "The Negro and the State." He set forth the special work being done in the colored normal school here for those of its students who are preparing for work among the 116,558 negro pupils of Virginia, 80 per cent of whom are in rural schools.

Where Weakness Exists.

The alliance was shown that weakness exists in any state which induces a one-sided development by imposing artificial conditions, such as over emphasizing any single pursuit.

Such states, declared Mr. Thomas, develop "castes" instead of permitting men to distribute themselves in various occupations according to their capabilities and preferences.

Members of the alliance were advised to make themselves and their people so valuable an asset to Virginia that their opinions respecting the trend and interests of the state would be asked rather than neglected.

Some Other Things Urged.

It was urged that better schools and longer terms for their children, more homes and better home life for their families, increased yield per acre and more diversified crops, greater co-operativeness, and a better comprehension of the spirit and trend of both the commonwealth and the nation would gain for them and for their children an increasing assurance of the enjoyment of life, the wise use and responsibility of liberty and a clear idea of the attainment of happiness through service.

The general topic, "Making More Money Out of the Farm," was discussed by a representative of the Southern railway, and general industrial conditions of the state were outlined from special reports on natural resources as exhibited in governmental and railroad publications.

DELEGATES NAMED.

Governor Appoints Kentucky Representatives to Congress of Negro Farmers and Teachers.

Frankfort, Ky., July 30.—Gov. McCreary Thursday appointed the following delegates to represent Kentucky at the National Congress of Negro Farmers and Rural Teachers at San Francisco, August 26 to 29: Solomon Dean, R. C. Ward, R. W. James, J. S. Estill, M. S. Thornton, Spence Jackson, Willie Green and George Wakefield, Frankfort; Dan Phelps and Frank Phelps, Foxtown; Bud Cahorn, Silver Creek; Curry Blythe, G. B. Miller and Robert White, Richmond; Curry Harris, Paytontown; W. H. Robinson and French Thompson, Paris; B. J. Quarles, Walter Robinson, Peter Postell and J. T. Whitney, Hopkinsville; W. L. Bowman, Bardstown; Robert Ayers, Fairmouth; I. B. Thomas, Mayfield; J. H. Garvin, Winchester; W. I. Robinson, Cave City; Garrett Mansfield, W. D. Whitney and W. B. Smith, Glasgow; Mose Scott, Georgetown; George Russell, Lexington; Henry Lee, Versailles; James Diggs and K. Stovall, Lawrenceburg; J. W. Hays, Henderson; D. D. Williams, Franklin; L. L. Rowe, Horse Cave; G. W. Saffell, Shelbyville; Joe Ray, Bloomfield; S. E. Dean, Cloverport; W. B. Wood, Somerset; Richard Ray, Sr., Lebanon; A. L. Bridwell, Greendale; Charles Blythe, Berea; Ennis Coleman, Nicholasville; W. I.

During the month of March Mr. Carver made three visits to the State of Georgia to attend Negro Farmers' Conferences. On March 5th he attended the conference held at the Albany Bible and Manual Training School, Albany, Georgia. On the 10th and 11th he was at the conference held by the Jerual Baptist Institute, Athens, Georgia, and on the 24th was in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Carver reports that each of these conferences was largely attended by the farmers from the surrounding country, who are more convinced than ever of the necessity of doing away with the one-crop idea and of diversifying their crops. All were anxious for information that would help them "get on top of the panic," as they expressed it, and it is felt that the farmers received much help at these meetings.

NEGRO CONFERENCE IS HELD AT SHELBY

NEWS SCIMITAR SPECIAL.
SHELBY, Miss., April 30.—Representative negro men and women from every section of Mississippi have closed a two-day session here of the first annual meeting of the Negro Farmers' conference of the Industrial and Agricultural College for Negroes. One of the features of the session was a parade starting at the college building and passing over the streets of Shelby.

Rev. J. M. Williamson, head of the college, was elected president of the conference. Rev. Dr. W. H. Braxton delivered an address on scientific farming. Dr. A. A. Cosey, of Mound Bayou, spoke in favor of diversified crops, better living conditions, and general welfare of the race. "How to Raise Hogs and Vegetables" was the subject of an address by Prof. H. K. Polk, horticulturist, graduate of Tuskegee Institute.

CALL ISSUED TO NEGRO FARMERS

Special to The Chronicle.

Prairie View, Texas, June 10.—Prof. E. L. Blackshear, president of the State Colored Farmers' Congress, has issued the following call addressed to the colored farmers of Texas: You have doubtless seen the various notices in the papers asking that the colored farmers of each county get together and organize, and then elect delegates to the state meeting to be held at Prairie View College, July 28 to 30.

I am writing to urge that even in case you do not find it possible to get the farmers of your county organized in time for the state meeting you would see to it that your community is represented at the state meeting. Matters of great import to the negro will be discussed by prominent and competent speakers. The extension work idea among negroes will be discussed by Hon. Clarence Ousley, director of Extension. Low railroad rates have been secured on all roads. We are expecting the best meeting in the history of the organization. Let the leading farmers of each locality, who are interested in the improvement of farm life among negroes, see that a good delegation is sent to the state meeting at Prairie View, July 28 to 30.

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LINCOLN, NEA

NAMES CONVENTION DELEGATES

Governor Makes Appointments for Negro Educational Congress.

The negro national educational congress to be held at Chicago, August 16 to 21, is the last congress to receive the attention of Governor Morehead's official delegate appointer.

The following delegates have been appointed from Nebraska, each delegate having the privilege of paying his own expenses: Samuel Shelton, Alliance; George Curtis, Alliance. Paul Moore, Lincoln; Major I. B. Smith, Lincoln; James Cornell, Lincoln; A. Hamler, Grand Island; Arthur Gary, Grand Island; James Shores, Broken Bow; Albert Marks, Broken Bow; William Rone, Broken Bow; Harry Smith, Hastings; Nelson Briley, Hastings; R. E. Harper, Beatrice; George H. Burton, Dorchester; Mrs. I. B. Smith, Lincoln; Rev. John Williams, Omaha; Rev. W. F. Botts, Omaha; Rev. L. E. Britt, Omaha; Maynard L. Wilson, Omaha; Silas Robbins, Omaha; Amos P. Scruggs, Omaha; Mrs. Alphonse Wilson, Omaha; Miss Madrid Penn, Omaha; Mrs. James Jewell, Omaha.

FIFTY NEGRO TEACHERS TO BE NAMED DELEGATES

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Edward Hyatt has been asked by E. L. Blackshear, principal of the Prairie View state normal and industrial college, to name fifty California rural negro teachers as delegates to the biennial national negro farmers' congress to be held in San Francisco on July 15, 16 and 17. Hyatt will make selections immediately.

"This meeting is in commemoration of the progress of negro farmers in their fifty years of emancipation," writes Blackshear. "The object of holding this meeting in San Francisco is that the nations of the earth who will assemble at the exposition may be able to see something of the progress made by the negroes of the United States from 1865 to 1915, a half a century of freedom."

DELEGATES ARE NAMED BY GOVERNOR

To National Negro Farmers' Congress to Be Held in San Francisco.

Governor Rye has named the following delegates to the National Negro Farmers' Congress to be held at San Francisco on July 15 to 17:

Preston Taylor, Nashville; Peter Verriess, Gallatin; W. D. Greer, Carthage; J. E. Mitchell, Hartsville; Charley Bates, Castalian Springs; A. D. Adams, Dixon Springs; William Wilson, Johnson City; G. W. Hampton, Paris; Edward Buford, Pulaski; Dr. J. P. Crawford, Nashville; J. C. Napier, Nashville; John Works, Nashville; R. H. Boyd, Nashville; W. M. Haynes, Nashville; Anthony Marshall, Hartsville; T. Clay Moore, Nashville; E. B. Jefferson, Nashville; A. M. Townsend, Nashville; B. J. Carr, Nashville; Prof. Wm. J. Cansler, Knoxville; W. R. Snipes, Memphis; Fred H. Lester, Memphis; Alexander E. Hayes, Bristol; P. A. Grisby, Memphis; James Graves, Knoxville; W. T. James, Chattanooga; S. L. Harrington, Bristol; Wm. H. Johnson, Clarksville; Dr. G. Z. Herden, Murfreesboro; R. G. Pittman, Jellico; W. H. Battle, Harriman; J. A. Boyd, Rockwood; J. P. Phillips, Martin; C. J. Small, Chattanooga; H. D. Alexander, Chattanooga; N. R. Kimbrough, Clarksville; F. C. Carney, Murfreesboro; Dr. Chas. A. Kelly, Clarksville; R. J. Olden, Greensville; Prof. H. D. Griffin, Jonesboro; O. W. Williams, Memphis; C. E. Chandler, Knoxville; Prof. J. H. Kelly, Columbia; Rev. A. N. C. Williams, Franklin; H. C. Swayne, Paris; W. H. Orea, Paris; B. H. Morrell, Pulaski; W. A. Webber, Morristown; Dr. J. F. Williams, Paris;

50 FARM CONGRESS OPENS

Delegates Assemble at Prairie View to Discuss Agriculture From Standpoint of Colored Race.

Special to The News.

Prairie View, Tex., July 28.—The eighth annual session of the Texas State Negro Farmers' Congress, which meets at Prairie View normal each year, opened this morning. Professor C. H. Waller, head of the department of agriculture, presided. About thirty delegates—representatives from various sections of the state, were at the opening session.

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CONGRESS OF NEGRO FARMERS.
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 25.—With delegates present from many states a national congress of negro farmers and rural teachers will assemble here tomorrow for a four-day session.

MEMPHIS COMM'L APPEAL.
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NEGRO FARMERS CONFER.

SHELBY, Miss., April 30.—The first annual session of the Negro Farmers' Conference of the Industrial Agricultural College for Negroes began a two days' meeting here Friday at 2 o'clock p.m. The parade was spectacular and was viewed by hundreds of people along its route.

Following the parade the meeting went into organization, electing Rev. J. M. Williamson, the president of the college, as president of the conference. Rev. Williamson delivered an address thanking the body for honors conferred upon him, etc.

On the platform were some of the most prominent colored men and women of the state, and a fair sprinkling of some of the best white people of the city.

Negroes Organize for Farming.

New Iberia, La., Nov. 3.—The first permanent organization of the negro farmers of this parish was effected yesterday when farmers from the extreme end of the parish met at the St. Ives Independent Church. More than 300 men and their wives met on the 20th of November, when they organized the Iberia Parish Farmers' Co-operative Association. The members were obliged to Burr, working in the fields, and for a moment of agricultural service. The tension service of 1914 brought a loss in the death of our friend, Miss Grace H. Dodge, abiding faith in our work, substantial support in money, have been invaluable in almost all the corporate existence of the Association. No way has yet been found to fill her place in financing the work of the Home. Budget for 1915 on the most economical estimate is \$2,500. Our estimated resources for the year are \$1,500. Deficit for the year, particularly pressing for the summer months, \$1,000."

J. E. Tobias, secretary of the committee which is striving to help the White Rose Home states that much interest is being manifested in the picnic to be given August 26. Tickets may be had from the White Rose Home, 217 East 86th street, or the secretary, 108 West 30th street. Telephone Madison 4773.

**POSITION EXHIBITS
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The New York Commissioners for the National Exposition recently held at Richmond, Va., of which Henry A. ... of Albany was chairman and ... of Brooklyn

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